

ONCE MORE, CHINA
ASKS MEDIATION.

Li Hung Chang Wants Commissioner Appointed, and Suggests Minister Conger.

THE TROOPS ARE ATTACKING THE IMPERIAL CITY.

Mystery of the Empress' Whereabouts is Still Unsolved—Casualties to Americans in the City Have Been Very Slight—Army Was Moving on Imperial City When Last Heard From.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)

Washington, Aug. 20.—Minister Wu transmitted to the state department this morning, a cablegram from Li Hung Chang asking the United States to appoint a commissioner to negotiate with him for peace and settlement of the troubles in China.

Earl Li suggests that Minister Conger, who he says is in Peking and who is familiar with the situation, be appointed such commissioner.

IT IS SUPPRESSED.

Acting Secretary of State Adee said that the communication from Earl Li will not be made public. The matter has been referred to the president and will probably receive consideration at the cabinet meeting tomorrow.

Minister Wu says he has no doubt that the emperor and empress have left Peking and thoroughly believes in the dispatch he received yesterday from Li Hung Chang, declaring that the imperial family and court have gone to Heian Fu in the province of Shan Si. No date is mentioned in Li Hung Chang's appeal for the opening of peace negotiations but he recites the notes of July 3 from Secretary Hay and claims that all the conditions therein named have been met so that the time has now arrived for negotiations. The same appeal has been sent by Li Hung Chang to all the powers.

AMERICA'S REPLY.

The reply of the United States as officially announced at the state department was that the United States does not consider that the conditions laid down have been complied with. Those conditions concluded the opening of communications between the Chinese imperial authorities and the allied commanders, the restoration of order in China, and the absolute security of the foreign ministers.

Even the latter, it is claimed, has not yet been assured and can hardly be said to have been satisfactorily provided for until they have actually been brought in safety to the coast.

An answer to this effect will be sent to Li Hung Chang within the next 24 hours.

RENEY'S REPORT.

Clearing Out Tartar City and Moving on Imperial City—Complications Foreseen.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)

Washington, Aug. 20.—Admiral Reney cables today the following details of the siege of Peking:

"Taku, Aug. 19.—Authentic report, Peking 15th, from Latimer: 'Troops moving on in Imperial city, clearing out Tartar City. All Americans who remained in Peking are well. Have been no deaths among them except one child. Captain Meyers has recovered from wound, now has typhoid fever. Crisis past and is convalescent. Assistant Sergeant Lippett was wounded, left upper leg. Bone fractures, leg saved. Now recovering. Following killed during the siege in Peking: Sergeant J. Fanning, Private P. King, J. W. Putcher, J. Kennedy, R. E. Thomas, A. Turner and H. Fischer. Wounded, Private J. Schroeder, elbow severe, now dangerously ill with fever; Seaman J. Mitchell, wounded upper arm severe, recovering. All other wounded and sick have returned to duty. Casualties in Major Biddle's command in the attack on Pan Fating: First Lieutenant Butler, Private Green, Private Warrell, all slight. Reported from Chinese sources royal family have escaped and en route to Sian Fu.'"

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS.

London, Aug. 20.—It is beginning to be feared that Count Von Waldersee's mission in China will lead to international complications. Russia, France and Germany, his chief backers, it is believed, desire to go much further than England and America, to whom the restoration of order practically ends

the crisis in the east. Almost simultaneously with Waldersee's departure, a big German army is hurrying eastward, as if the game in China was just beginning. If they have designs England and America are not a party to them and may be obliged to oppose their plans.

VON WALTERSEE SAILS.

Berlin, Aug. 20.—Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee who is to command international forces in China, started for the east today. He was accompanied by his staff.

ARRIVING AT PEKING.

Berlin, Aug. 20.—An official dispatch reports that the German detachments under Captains Pohl and Hocht have arrived in Peking. Two battalions made up of seamen will follow them to the Chinese capital immediately.

TOOK REFUGE

In the Imperial Palace And There Fought the Japanese Troops.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)

Washington, Aug. 20.—The following telegram received at the Japanese legation today from the minister for foreign affairs, dated August 19, was given to the press this afternoon:

"After entry into Peking was effected by the allied troops the Chinese troops on 15th betook themselves to and remained in the imperial palace. A body of Japanese soldiers was told off to guard the palace and they met with obstinate resistance by the Chinese troops. Fighting is still going on. The headquarters of the Japanese army are in the legation and the division is mainly quartered in the villages outside of Au Ting Men."

A telegram dated the 19th received from the Japanese foreign office gives the following dispatch from the Japanese acting consul general at Shanghai:

"From Sheng's statement to me I am inclined to think there is truth in the rumor that the empress dowager at least, if not the emperor, too, has left Peking for Wu Pai Hsien."

FORBIDDEN CITY

Is Being Bombarded By the Allies—Action is Regarded as Significant.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)

Berlin, Aug. 20.—The German consul at Che Foo cables, under today's date, that the allied forces are bombarding the fortified imperial palace in Peking and that the empress was believed to be still there.

A London dispatch says:

The news of the reported bombardment of the inner or Forbidden City of Peking is regarded here as likely to be the most serious development of the Peking crisis. If the dowager empress is in the Forbidden City, as reported, then the powers are definitely at war with the Chinese empire. The statement that Yung Lu is responsible for the empress' presence in the capital would indicate either that Prince Tuan and Li Peng Heng, the anti-foreign leaders have fled, or are no longer in influence. Yung Lu is pro-foreign in his sympathies but heretofore has been outplayed by the anti-foreign leaders. There is a strong belief here that Yung Lu has acted under the direction of Li Hung Chang who only recently counseled the empress to remain in Peking.

The reason for the bombardment is not known. In well informed quarters it is believed, despite the official reports, that the empress and her court fled from

Peking before its capture by the allies. The bombardment of the Forbidden City is believed to be due to the fact that Tuan or some other usurper is within the city fanatically resolved to die rather than surrender.

LI PING HENG DEAD.

Famous Boxer Chief and Former Viceroy Succeeds in Dying of His Wounds.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)

Shanghai, Aug. 20.—It is reported by the Chinese, officially, that Li Ping Heng, the anti-foreign leader, who was wounded on August 19, died August 12.

Li Ping Heng was reported in press dispatches to have been wounded in the battle of Yang Tsung. He appeared on the scene of the Chinese trouble the last of July, when he arrived at Peking from the south. On his march he murdered thousands of native Christians. Li Ping Heng was governor of Shantung two years ago. At that time two Germans were murdered in the province. He was dismissed at the demand of the German government. He was rabidly anti-foreign.

CORTELYOU GIVES THE ITINERARY.

President Will Leave Washington Friday Afternoon.

IN CANTON NEXT WEEK.

Will Leave Chicago Wednesday Afternoon—To Remain in Canton Till He Goes to His Wife's Wedding.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)

Washington, Aug. 20.—Secretary Cortelyou, this morning, made public the program of the itinerary for the president's Chicago trip.

The party will leave here Friday afternoon reaching Chicago the following afternoon. Sunday the president will attend two union services, one a children's meeting. On Monday and Tuesday he will review the parade and attend the banquets that are to be given.

During his stay in Chicago the president will probably visit Fort Sheridan. Wednesday the president will start for Canton in the afternoon where he will remain until September 12, when he will go to Summeret, Pa., to be present at the wedding of his niece, Miss Mabel McKinley and Dr. Herman Baer.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Major Leo Rausser of St. Louis, Will, It Is Said Have No Opposition.

Chicago, Aug. 20.—The Chronicle today said:

Major Leo Rausser, of St. Louis, will be elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army at the national encampment week after next. The other candidates for the place have one after another withdrawn from the race, and yesterday the only one in the field was the St. Louis man, who is now a judge on the bench.

Unless the unexpected should happen, Major Rausser will have no opposition. The place belongs to the west this year.

BURGLARS KILL A WOMAN.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)

Pittsfield, Mass., Aug. 20.—About 2 o'clock this morning burglars entered the house on Burbank street occupied by R. L. Fosburg, a contractor of Buffalo, N. Y. Fosburg heard the burglars and went to investigate. In the struggle that followed Miss May Fosburg, aged 24, was awakened and going down stairs was shot and instantly killed. The shot awakened Fosburg's son who, in the struggle was knocked insensible. Fosburg was uninjured. Several tramps have been arrested.

WRECK IN BULGARIA.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)

Sofia, Bulgaria, Aug. 20.—Twenty persons were killed and injured in a railroad smashup, near Plevna. Among the killed is M. Petroff, brother of the former minister of war.

CHICAGO'S POPULATION.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)

Chicago, Aug. 20.—According to the returns of the twelfth census the population of Chicago is 1,698,575, a gain of 54.44 per cent over 1890.

SHOT BY ROBBERS.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)

Florence, Col., Aug. 20.—George Bonash and Joe Juhas, miners, were shot and killed by robbers at Brookside yesterday. C. A. Havens and James Draham have been arrested.

YOUTSEY COMES INTO COURT.

He Had Been Ill But Was Able to Appear.

ENMITIES ARE AROUSED

And Some of the Friends of Powers' Jurors Do Not Speak to Them as They Pass By.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)

Georgetown, Aug. 20.—Court did not convene, this morning until nearly 10 o'clock. At the jail it was said that Henry Youtsey, whose case has been called, was too ill to appear. Shortly before 10 o'clock word was received at the jail that Youtsey would appear in court. He arrived at 10:15. The prisoner is very pale.

When ex-Treasurer Walter R. Day testified in the Powers case he was put under \$500 bond for his appearance to testify against Youtsey. He failed to answer this morning. Commonwealth Attorney Franklin asked that his bond be forfeited.

At 10:29 Attorney Franklin announced that the commonwealth was ready to proceed with the trial. Of 52 witnesses called for the defense there were few who did not testify in the Powers case. Among the witnesses named were "Governor" Taylor and Finley. The judge granted attorney for the defense until afternoon for a conference.

The finding of the Powers jury caused enmities which will take years to efface. Some of the friends of the jurors refuse to recognize them when they meet.

FORMER CANTON PEOPLE

In Peking District—Dr. Roberts Is Alive, But His Wife Is Probably Dead.

Special to News-Democrat.

Toledo, O., Aug. 20.—A cablegram from Shanghai under date of Sunday has been received at the office of the Cheny medical company here today, giving the news that Dr. Roberts and several missing missionaries at the Cheny farm at Koo Fan are safe and sound with the foreign legation at Peking and are now with the allied force.

Two female members of the party are missing, Mrs. Nellie Parker and Mrs. Charles Roberts. The former was killed by the Boxers who surrounded the Koo Fan farm early in July and grave fears are entertained regarding the safety of Mrs. Roberts who it is believed was captured, and unless able to kill herself, is now being subjected to an ordeal worse than death. Frank J. Cheney, president of the company, has left for Washington to confer with authorities and obtain military protection for a rescuing party.

The Koo Fan farm lies forty miles south of Peking. It is managed by Dr. Roberts, who formerly lived with his parents on their farm near Canton. In 1891 he married a Miss Jones of the same city.

AN AUTO EXPLOSION.

Pittsburgers Injured After the Machine Had Been Upset.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 20.—Harry L. Goehring, a prominent member of the Allegheny county bar, and James Scott, connected with the Carnegie company in an official capacity, were badly hurt in an automobile wreck.

While riding through the streets of the east end Mr. Goehring increased the pressure to take a rather steep hill, when, through some unexplainable cause, the gasoline tank exploded, throwing the machine fifteen or eighteen feet into the air. Goehring was thrown to the pavement, alighting on his head, and was rendered unconscious. Scott could not extricate himself and fell with the burning machine on top of him. He was badly burned and bruised.

While both men are seriously hurt, their injuries will not prove fatal.

NEWS NUGGETS

Secured by an Alliance Correspondent and Presented to Readers.

Special to News-Democrat.

Alliance, Aug. 20.—The ladies of the Third ward gave a lawn fete Saturday evening for the benefit of the Mannerchor Military band. The affair was well patronized and a neat sum was netted for the band. The band has only been organized about six months but by hard work has attained remarkable proficiency under the direction of Prof. Frank Riley.

The regular meeting of the city council will be held tonight and it is thought

the question of granting the Columbiana County Telephone a franchise in this city will come up for action.

The funeral of Rev. Joseph H. Stratton was held at the Friends church at Beloit, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment at East Goshen cemetery.

Yellow Cross company, U. R. K. P., is doing some active drilling preparatory to attending the National encampment at Detroit which begins August 26. The members of the company under command of Captain Charles Shem drill both mornings and evenings.

Saturday evening about forty friends of William Coffee pleasantly surprised him at his home on Market street, the occasion being his 75th birthday.

E. L. GYGER.

HAVE SMALLPOX.

Colored Veteran Taken Ill With the Disease—All Precautions Observed.

Dayton, O., Aug. 20.—Edward Cheatham, a colored veteran of the National Military Home here, was taken ill with smallpox today. As there are six thousand inmates of the home great precaution is being taken. It is thought there will be no spread of the dread disease.

It is claimed that Cheatham caught the disease in Dayton, as five cases are quarantined here.

MRS. J. SNYDER PASSES AWAY.

Wife of a Prominent Resident of the Village of Mapleton.

PARALYSIS CAUSED DEATH

The Funeral Services Were Held Sunday Morning at Mapleton—The Deceased Was Well Known in This City.

Mrs. Jacob J. Snyder, one of the aged pioneers of Stark county, and the wife of Jacob J. Snyder, residing at Mapleton, died Friday morning from paralysis. The deceased was 66 years of age and she leaves a husband and eight living children.

The deceased was born in Stark county. She was married to Jacob Snyder about 46 years ago. They have resided in the vicinity of Mapleton ever since their marriage. Her husband has attained an age of 80 years and is one of the most widely known farmers in this county. The surviving children are: Nicholas W. Snyder, Republic, Mo.; Mrs. John Weekman, of this city; William Henry Snyder residing near Mapleton; Benjamin Franklin Snyder, Canton; George Edward Snyder, of Mapleton; Mrs. William Houts, of North Industry; Mrs. Alice L. Haynum, residing near New Franklin; and Ida Miranda Singer, wife of Sherman Singer, of this city. Mrs. James Black, formerly residing in Mahoning street, this city, died some time ago. The deceased also was a grandmother of Royal Snyder, who is employed in the county treasurer's office.

Funeral services were held Sunday at Mapleton over the remains of the late Mrs. Jacob J. Snyder. The services were held in the Evangelical church in that village, and they were conducted by Rev. Damer, of this city. The funeral was the most largely attended one ever witnessed in that vicinity and the church was not sufficiently large enough to contain all the mourners. The address of Rev. Damer was a most impressive one. There were a number of floral tributes from friends and relatives. The pallbearers were chosen from among the neighbors of the deceased.

The funeral services were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bast, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Halter and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Long, of this city, by John Weekman, of Pittsburg, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Metcalf, of Beaver Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zintmeister, of Navarre, and Nicholas V. Snyder, of Republic, Mo.

REV. SOMERS DEAD.

He Was a Well Known and Popular Minister of the Lutheran Church.

Word comes from Bolivar of the death of the Rev. Jacob H. Somers, a Lutheran minister, who served the congregations in other years at Sandyville and Magnolia, in this county. His death came in the prime of his manhood, and will be a loss to the church. He is well known to Lutherans of Canton, who will regret to hear of his death.

Is Making Changes.

Commissioner Crawford said today: "The plans for the cottages to be built at the infirmary, submitted by the commissioners to the state board of charities, Friday, were not altogether acceptable and a number of changes were ordered. Architect Tilden, who prepared the plans, will make the alterations ordered by the state board."

LUMBER PILE TOPPLES OVER.

Action Brought Because a Youth Was Injured Thereby.

GRAND AND PETIT JURORS

Drawn For the September Term of Common Pleas Court—A Number of Court Matters—Judge McCarty's Docket.

A civil action was begun Monday in common pleas court for damages, in which Homer C. Hoffman, a minor, brings suit by his next friend, Charles H. Hoffman, for \$3,000 damages against the village of Lomaville, Stark county, and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. The claim is that Homer C. Hoffman, aged 7 years, was playing on what had been common play ground near the school house, when a lot of lumber carelessly piled up by the church trustees, and to the knowledge of the village authorities, fell on the child, causing a compound fracture of one of his legs and otherwise injuring him. J. D. Lewis and McCarty, Craine and McDowell filed the petition.

BROUGHT UP.

The case of Bessie May Barnett vs. Edward Wuddaugh was brought up from Justice Reigner's court. It is a paternity case.

WANTS A DIVORCE.

Lucy Umbenhower has filed a petition in court of common pleas against her husband, W. P. Umbenhower, asking for divorce and alimony. She avers that they were married in 1889, and that there are two living children as a result of such marriage. The charges in the petition are that the husband has been a drinking man; has kept company with other women; that he has subjected her to extreme cruelties; questioned her chastity; drove her out of the house at night and compelled her to seek shelter with neighbors; striking her and using profane language toward her. M. Neal is made a party defendant to restrain him from paying certain money over to the defendant, and an order is asked for to prevent defendant from disposing of or destroying his property, which it is claimed he has threatened to do. R. M. McCaughy filed the petition.

SUIT TO COLLECT.

Action was brought Monday in Justice Bowman's court by G. W. Rodenbaugh against Louis Geringer for the collection of \$10 for labor done in 1896. The defense is that the work was to be turned in on rent of house, which Rodenbaugh's keeper rented from Geringer.

OTHER CASES.

Frank M. Werts has commenced action in foreclosure against Allison N. Gibbons et al. to collect a mortgage note of \$700 and interest.

A civil action has been filed by Louis Shaub vs. Joseph Houk for the collection of \$1,286.98.

GRAND JURY.

Monday the clerk and sheriff drew the grand jury for the next term of court, as follows:

J. Albert Kohler, Canton.
John Surbey, Plain township.
Frank J. Wagner, Canton.
John R. Poyser, Canton.
Harry N. McAbee, Canton.
James Valley, Canton.
Henry Schriver, Massillon.
John W. Bingham, Alliance.
Monroe M. Herbst, Canton.
Henry S. Moses, Canton.
William H. Christman, Plain township.
Elison Vandergrift, Paris township.
David M. Alexander, Canton.
Alfred H. Heighway, Canton.
Henry Hildenbittle, Nimishillen township.

PETIT JURORS.

James J. Hoover, Massillon.
Perry Cook, Washington township.
Ira Miller, Lake township.
Alonzo M. Carr, Alliance.
John W. Taylor, Alliance.
Chas. J. Gulling, Nimishillen township.
J. A. Burkholder, Lawrence township.
Edward J. Rex, Canton.
Frank A. Clapsaddle, Marlboro township.
Alonzo Smith, Perry township.
Henry N. Miller, Plain township.
John Pollock, Lawrence township.
Jacob J. Snyder, Paris township.
Jacob L. Maurer, Canton.
Wilson Graber, Massillon.
George Meiser, Paris township.
John C. Skelton, Canton.
Andrew D. Braden, Canton.
Simeon Carr, Marlboro township.
Levi N. Webb, Canton.
Levi Volkmore, Perry township.
John B. Roush, Canton.
John W. Walser, Canton.
Edwin H. Pille, Massillon.
William A. Pietzcker, Massillon.
Philip Gonder, Canton.
Robert Auld, Alliance.

THE MOTION DOCKET.

Judge McCarty held a short session of court Monday morning, hearing a number of motions and requests of attorneys, but nothing of importance was done. This closed the work of the term and court was adjourned sine die. The next term will begin September 17.

The Miller reunion will take place Thursday, August 23rd, at Meyer's lake. All members of the family and friends are cordially invited to attend. d&w